

February 20, 2022 seventh sunday in ordinary time

## st. lawrence o'toole & sacred heart parishes



### Mass schedule

#### St. Lawrence

##### Saturday Vigil

5:30, 7:30 pm (Spanish)

##### Sunday

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm (Spanish)

5:30 pm

##### Monday-Friday

8:30 am

#### Sacred Heart

##### Saturday Vigil

4:00 pm

##### Sunday

10:30 am

##### Daily Rosary

9:00 am

#### St. Lawrence Cemetery

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call to schedule an appointment.

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**Seminarian Sunday**

# LENT

## seasons of praise

EVERY MONDAY IN LENT • PRIEST TALK AT 7:00 pm

## CONFESSIONS

EVERY MONDAY & FRIDAY 4:00 pm — 7:00 pm.

## March 2, 2022 ash wednesday

### MASSES:

ST. LAWRENCE

7:30 am

8:30 am

6:30 pm

7:30 pm Spanish

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

& ASHES:

ST. LAWRENCE

12 Noon

5:00 pm

SACRED HEART

6:30 pm



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

ST. LAWRENCE

6:15 pm Friday English

7:30 pm Thursday Spanish





February 20, 2022

## while we're at it

**our vision** Create a parish of missionary disciples whose personal relationship with Jesus Christ inspires others into a life-changing relationship with Him.

Dear Friends,

1. We all need some good news in our Archdiocese, and we have great news with the **upcoming ordination to the episcopacy** of **Bishop-elect John Bonnici** and a dear friend of St. Lawrence and Sacred Heart, **Bishop-elect Joe Espaillat** on Tuesday, **March 1 at St. Patrick's Cathedral**. They'll be great bishops and we are blessed to have them.

Our parish is getting tickets and renting a bus to make it easier for parishioners who want to attend. We'll be leaving at 11 am for the 2:00 pm Mass of Ordination. Sign up online or call the rectory to reserve your place – first come, first serve. This will be a spiritual boost for us all!

2. There is understandable disappointment all around about discontinuing the 4:00 pm Saturday Mass at Sacred Heart at the end of February due to lack of attendance. Sadly, parishes all over the Archdiocese are grappling with similar decisions and reducing the number of Masses. The crisis of the priest shortage is here – and as I wrote the past few weeks, the statistics are sobering.

We have an even bigger crisis of secularization of our society. Fewer people are committed to their faith and coming to worship God every week. Schools, universities, the media and the entertainment industry all wage war to undermine the Catholic Faith, and it is taking a toll on us. We are losing our people. We have to face those brutal facts. Think about your own family members – how many say they still believe in general terms, but no longer worship God? How many have become cynical about religion?

Our efforts at evangelization must become more urgent – each one of us must reach out to those with little or no faith, personally inviting them back, offering them a warm welcome home. Our **Alpha** and **Brewster Cares** programs work to do that. We have to create parishes where the love of Christ is present and visible, and our joy at being his disciples radiates out and is obvious to all who walk in our doors. And maybe most importantly, it means that each one of us reach out personally to family members, neighbors and friends to **challenge them to rediscover Jesus** in their lives.

3. Lent is on the way – **March 2 is Ash Wednesday**. We'll have Masses and ashes of course. We'll host **Seasons of Praise** every Monday with priests coming in from different parishes and Stations of the Cross Fridays (Thursdays in Spanish). Come to those and you'll be on your way to the best Lent ever, the one that makes a decisive difference in your relationship with Jesus.



But the most important thing is the **fasting, prayer and almsgiving** for our deeper conversion - that is the goal of Lent. The more our hearts belong to Christ, the more we love our Faith, the better we will be at reaching the hearts of others.

God bless,

Fr. Richard Gill

# seasons of Praise

7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Holy Hour • Benediction • Praise & Worship Music

Confession available  
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## Feb 21

### TALK 7 PM



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# 2022 faith formation

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SUNDAYS

Feb 13 – Mar 19 (Consecration Day)

9:30 am -10:30 am

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Fee: \$20

## THE SEARCH: FINDING THE MEANING OF LIFE

THURSDAYS

Mar 31 – May 19

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

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# March I



## JOIN US FOR

### Bishop-Elect Joseph Espailat **ORDINATION AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL**

Bus from St. Lawrence O'Toole

#### **SCHEDULE:**

Bus leaves St. Lawrence - 11:00 am

Ordination - 2:00 pm

Return pick up from St Patrick's - 4:30 pm

Back at St. Lawrence - 6:45 pm

*Seating reservations are first-come, first-serve.*

*Bring bag lunch & drink*

#### **RESERVATIONS:**

[stlawrenceotoole.org/ORDINATION](http://stlawrenceotoole.org/ORDINATION)



Fr. Thomas G. Philbin

## a gentle soul

TINA GRANT

The year 1934 saw the rise of dictators including Hitler, Stalin, and Mao Tse-Tung. President, Franklin D. Roosevelt, guided us through the Great Depression and World War II. In October 1934, **Fr. Thomas G. Philbin**, who spoke the eulogy at Fr. Costello's Mass, became our next Pastor at the age of 47. He was born October 23, 1887, in NYC, ordained at St. Joseph's Seminary, served at St. Dennis Church in Yonkers and Blessed Sacrament in NYC.

Fr. Philbin was touched by the warm dinner/reception held for him. The local paper reported, "that such a personal greeting was new to him as life in a city parish was quite different. He felt as if in coming to Brewster he was coming back home, and he hoped he would stay home for many years to come." Henry Wells, a close friend of Fr. Costello's, toasted Fr. Philbin, "Fr. Philbin as you and Fr. Quill and the Sisters of the parochial school go about your work of bringing out the gentler sides of our natures, you may rest assured you have behind you a host of well-wishers both inside and outside the walls of the Catholic Church." It has been evident since St. Lawrence's church was built, the parishioners and community embraced our parish.

In 1934, Brewster witnessed the unveiling of the World War I monument at the Electrazone Field. Today, a monument stands in Southeast Veterans Park (formerly the Electrazone Field) dedicated to the individuals who served our country in several wars. On Memorial Day and Veterans Day, services are held, attended by priests of St. Lawrence.



Memorial at Southeast Veterans Park

In October 1935, one year after Fr. Costello died, a memorial service was held at our cemetery for him. Representatives from every society in the parish walked in procession to his graveside. NYS Police directed traffic along Route 22, as 500 people attended the service. A light granite memorial stone, a gift of the entire parish, was unveiled. The stone was blessed by Fr. Philbin. Rev. Charles McGirr, who replaced Rev. Quill when he was transferred to the Bronx, assisted.

In 1936, Fr. Philbin, with local priests and community members, formed a local committee for the Committee to Aid Fresh Air Children. This committee found host families for the children from NYC low-income families for two weeks. Most children were re-invited to stay with the same host family year after year and formed friendships that lasted a lifetime. Generous then, and evident today, our parishes serve others. Brewster Cares provides, a Homeless Shelter every winter. This year it will also host a summer camp for Bronx children.

Fr. Philbin loved by many, spoke directly and compassionately. "Nothing could better demonstrate the caliber of the people of Brewster than a perfect attendance at church last week. Adoration is the first form of prayer, and we adore God best by going to church. That "stay-at-home and wait-til I'm-in-the mood attitude is not a part of any other phase of our lives. Why should it be with God? It is a priestly pleasure to be a part of any movement to bring people closer to God and to obtain abundant grace for our community."

The year 1937 would be special for St. Lawrence. Fr. Philbin would welcome Rev. Bartholomew E. Kilcoyne, born in Brewster, who would celebrate his First Mass at St. Lawrence, dedicated to his mother.



## seminarian sunday

DOMINICK RUSSO

Despite more than a few snowflakes, over 25 seminarians studying at St. Joseph's Seminary in Dunwoody, managed to make their way to Brewster to visit our humble parish.

During the 9:30 am and 11:00 am Masses, the wonderful voices of the Seminarian Schola lifted praise to heaven; afterwards, they joined our parishioners in the gym for coffee and donuts.

Some of the seminarians were able to visit the Family Program. There, they shared how God called them and our youngest members of the parish got to hear their amazing stories.

A panel of seminarians fielded questions from some of our sixth, seventh, and eighth grade Edge Students and parents. The seminarians spoke about how each had to listen to God's voice, what a typical day at the seminary is like, and how to trust in God's will, amongst many other things.

The Knights of Columbus generously provided lunch for the seminarians and our Edge Students. As the seminarians left Saint Lawrence O'Toole with new red beanies on their heads, they had smiles on their faces and all were proclaiming their thanksgiving to the people of St. Lawrence O'Toole for warmly hosting them.



## pray for

Please remember our brothers and sisters in the Lord who have asked for prayers:

Bridget Kenny ◦ Betty Dobbins ◦ Garecht/Pinzur/Sarlo Families ◦ Patricia Willis ◦ Catherine Sloomaker ◦ Demario Creaco ◦ Barry Newman ◦ Jerry Davis ◦ Danny Hernandez ◦ Russell Snyder ◦ Cindy Agosto ◦ Vincent Lambino ◦ Michael Tarr ◦ Lettie Friis ◦ JoAnn Montalbano ◦ Joan DiGioia Lucas ◦ Robbi Blacharski ◦ Judy McDermott ◦ John McCabe ◦ Ava DiBenedetto ◦ Noah Martinez ◦ Thomas Consolato ◦ John Taylor ◦ Marie Taylor ◦ Angelica Rivera ◦ Jason Morales ◦ Brianna Martinez ◦ Carole Manley ◦ Michael Taylor ◦ Larry Iazzetti, Sr. ◦ Kevin Valle ◦ Kathy Farina ◦ Megan Gersh ◦ Adran Ramirez ◦ Jerry Ranieri ◦ Arlete Turturro ◦ Daniel Lyons ◦ Rene Phoeche ◦ Karen Scott ◦ Thomas Pavia ◦ James McCaughey ◦ Dulio Prado ◦ Robert Schacht ◦ JoAnna Dey ◦ Tony Greco ◦ Jackie Pasquale ◦ Michael & Luise Lyons ◦ Donna Tarr ◦ Charles Gallagher ◦ Jim Puckette ◦ Doug Griffin ◦ Bill Fallon ◦ Paola Riso ◦ William Harkins ◦ Mary Jane McMahon ◦ Matthew Mariano ◦ Manuel Alphonso ◦ Marilyn Ortiz ◦ Eric Ursprung ◦ Emily Plourde ◦ Duane Lynche ◦ Tim Kurth ◦ Luanna Kucmierauski ◦ Kevin Palmer

Names will remain on the Prayer List for 90 days and then will be transferred to the prayer list in the Adoration Chapel. To add names to or remove names from the Prayer List, please email: [SLOT.SH.Office@gmail.com](mailto:SLOT.SH.Office@gmail.com)

## dedications

### St. Lawrence O'Toole

The **Paschal Candle** is dedicated for **Toni Akanewich** at the request of Betsy Hansbury.

## \$300 scholarship

The Catholic Daughters of America Court #2585 will be awarding their annual \$300.00 Scholarship. **Requirements:** Must be a practicing Catholic from Sacred Heart Church, graduating June of 2022. **250 Word Essay:** Topic – *What it's like to be a Catholic teenager in today's society.* **For applications** contact Melody Curra at [melhmn@yahoo.com](mailto:melhmn@yahoo.com). Deadline May 1, 2022.

## quo vadis: a young men's discipleship group

Jesus wants you to follow him, but how? Quo Vadis is a new group, meeting weekly, for high school and college-age young men in Dutchess and Putnam Counties who are serious about their Catholic faith and interested in discovering God's will for their lives. Come for prayer, a shared meal, and real conversation with brothers in the faith and local priests. Quo Vadis is held **every Friday evening at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church in LaGrangeville.**

No weekly commitment is needed. Call **Fr. John Wilson** at (845) 227-1710 to **RSVP** or for more information. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

## mass intentions

### Saturday, February 19

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Don Parfitt  
5:30PM F. Confuorti & Family  
7:30PM Spanish

### Sunday, February 20

8:00AM Mary Bonatto  
9:30AM Johanna Burns  
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Marianne Gallacher  
11:00AM Robert Jones  
12:30 PM Spanish  
5:30PM Dorothy & Reino Huttunen

### Monday, February 21

8:30AM Mary & Robert Cleary & Kathleen King

### Tuesday, February 22

8:30AM Michael & Elizabeth Leahy

### Wednesday, February 23

8:30AM Blanca Gomez

### Thursday, February 24

8:30AM Catherine Gill

### Friday, February 25

8:30AM Carmine Barresi

### Saturday, February 26

4:00PM *Sacred Heart* Kathleen Barvinski  
5:30PM The Bisogno Family  
7:30PM Spanish

### Sunday, February 27

8:00AM George Taranto  
9:30AM Anthony Rossini  
10:30AM *Sacred Heart* Christina Schlachter  
11:00AM John LaGuardia  
12:30 PM Spanish  
5:30PM Barbara McGuire



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**REKINDLING WONDER**



On my recent vacation, I decided to start rereading *The Chronicles of Narnia*, by C.S. Lewis – the seven-volume series, which includes *The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe*. I had read the whole children’s series to my sons at bedtime when they were young, and we all loved it. I recognized then that it was a re-telling of

God’s Story of Salvation as a fantasy; now, years later, I wanted to immerse myself again into the adventure and moral enlightenment of Lewis’ fairy tale world.

C.S. Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien (author of the Lord of the Rings series), and their influencer, G.K. Chesterton recognized that fairy stories awaken our sense of wonder. Joseph Pearce, an authority on these authors, stresses how important it is for adults to read good fairy tales. He writes, “Fairy stories give us the oral framework necessary to see the world as it is... We learn to value the underdog and spurn the tyrant; we learn that small things need to be defended from the power of the mighty... We learn to love the poor and rejoice in the exaltation of the humble; we learn that the ugly, the disfigured, and the disabled should be loved and not rejected; we learn that even the power of death can be defeated. Such lessons are not merely valuable and desirable; they are priceless and necessary.” These messages are more than guidance for children; they are the foundation of Catholic social teaching.

Science is being forced upon us as the only author of truth these days. But what use is it to understand the chemical makeup of air if we do not experience the wonder of the gentle breeze on our cheek or marvel at the beauty of the ever-changing cloud formations? Scientists tell us that there are more stars in the sky than grains of sand on the earth, but what does that matter if we never look at the countless stars as anything more than flaming balls of gas? We can rekindle our sense of wonder and love of God by reawakening our wonder of his story through the unexpected world of fairy tales.

**Scripture:** Read Romans 12:2. What stands out?

**Call to Action:** Rekindle your sense of wonder by reading *The Chronicles of Narnia* or *The Lord of the Rings*. Watch for the moral lessons in these classic tales.



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## Weekend of February 13

In Pew Collection	\$ 6,832.00
January WeShare weekly	\$ 5,360.33
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,192.33</b>

# sacred heart parish support

## Weekend of February 13

In Pew Collection	\$ 1,015.00
January WeShare weekly	\$ 410.11
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,425.11</b>

**Note:** Regardless of whether you attend St. Lawrence or Sacred Heart, for convenience on a particular weekend, be assured your collection envelopes will be returned to the parish in which you are registered.

# centennial renovations

## JANUARY

Gold Envelopes	\$ 2,062
Other Centennial II Gifts	\$ 0
WeShare	\$ 1,374
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,436</b>

We made another payment last month of \$36,000 and our debt is down to \$404,000. At this rate we hope to have it paid off in 2025. Thank you for your continued support in our Gold Envelope Centennial program

# parish staff

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